Remuneration to Village Officers:

Amendment of Nos. 13 and 15 of the rules relating to the —.

No. 7024.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 20th July 1909.

Letter from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, No. 1419, dated 6th April 1909:—

"I have the honour to advert to Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 9368, dated 16th September 1908, in which Government have issued orders regarding the discontinuance of the decennial revision of village officers' allowances and directed the Settlement Commissioner to submit amendments to the rules calculated to give effect to their orders.

"2. The principles, on which the allowances of village officers are calculated, had been under discussion with the Commissioners for some time previous to the issue of these orders, and had been considered in detail at the Commissioners' conference in August last. They have now been further examined at a conference, recently held, with the result that I am now in a position to lay before Government amendments to the rules which will give effect to the orders above referred to and will also to some extent improve the village officers' remuneration and at the same time effect a considerable reduction in the work of calculation.

"3. The rules by which the calculation of these emoluments is regulated are contained in Appendices G and K, Chapter XIX, Survey and Settlement Manual, Volume III. Rule 13 directs that pátils and kulkarnis shall receive remuneration calculated at a fixed percentage on 'gross revenue,' which is explained as the whole ordinary revenue leviable on lands for the last year before deducting remissions, including judi and grazing realisations, but excluding fees and fines on account of unpunctual payment of revenue.

"4. In Appendix K this definition of gross revenue is further elaborated and the exact items which are respectively to be included in and excluded from it for the purposes of calculation are mentioned individually.

"5. It is scarcely necessary to point out that this classification of the miscellaneous items of revenue leads to a great deal of unnecessary work. The calculation of the allowances at the introduction of each revision settlement is performed by a special establishment working under the Survey Daftardár in Poona, who have to obtain from various Mámlatdárs exact information as to all miscellaneous revenue, in order that they may be able to classify it correctly. The result is a great deal of correspondence and delay. At the decennial revisions which are undertaken by the Collectors' establishments, similar information has once again to be collected and the same troublesome process gone through once more.

"6. The orders in the Government Resolution above quoted, by discontinuing the decennial revision, will avoid a great deal of this waste of labour. But the occasion seems a convenient one for going further still for revising the principles on which the calculation is based, and as far as possible simplifying the procedure.

"7. Shortly speaking my proposal now is that rule 13 should run as follows:—

'The gross revenue of the village referred to in Rules 4 and 7 is the whole ordinary revenue leviable on land for the last year before deducting remissions and suspensions, but including judi and grazing realizations.'

Rule 15 shall run as follows:—

'The salaries of the officiators fixed by the Survey Department will be revised decennially in accordance with the fluctuations of the gross revenue of the village, but in order to avoid confusion and complication in the accounts the appropriations made from the land emoluments of each watan found by Rule 1 to provide the remuneration of the officiators will be changed at the decennial revision only when the increase in the emoluments payable exceeds 10 per cent., provided that the decennial revision ordered by this rule shall not be undertaken except when there is special reason or a probability of its resulting in a substantial increase in the existing emoluments of the officiators.'

Finally Appendix K should be deleted.

"8. In justification of this proposal I would point out that the classification of the items included in Appendix K seems to have no more authority than a Circular of the Commissioner, C. D., dated as long as 1870, which has never definitely received the sanction of Government. Moreover it is based on ideas, which, if they were sound then, can hardly be accepted as reasonable now. For instance there is no

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possible reason nowadays to exclude the proceeds from lands given for building purposes, or sale proceeds of firewood or sale proceeds of occupancy rights and rights to trees. Item No. 6, 'amounts recovered as arrears of revenue,' was apparently excluded because presumably it was thought in 1877 that an efficient village officer ought not to allow arrears to occur. This idea of course is out of date. In fact the distinction between items included and excluded seems so fantastic that the time has certainly come to abolish it altogether.

"9. The net result of this proposal taken in conjunction with Government orders above mentioned will be a very large reduction of work. As each new settlement is introduced, the Survey Daftardár's office will calculate remuneration on the gross revenue of each village for the previous five years. This will be shown in the survey papers and no inquiry into the details with its resulting correspondence with a Mámlatdár will be necessary. The allowances so fixed will remain good for the whole period of 30 years, except in rare cases where the village revenue increases owing to the extension of irrigation or the taking up of lands for building sites. This new method of calculation will result in a very slight increase of expenditure, but it will be very small, and in any case the matter is one for congratulation rather than regret.

"10. I am not attaching the correspondence which has taken place between this office and the Commissioners on this subject, because it relates in the main to a different proposal altogether, viz., the omission of details of miscellaneous revenue from Táluka Forms 2, 19 and 27 to which the present proposal is only subsidiary. I am however authorised to say that it has their approval. I venture to hope that it will receive the sanction of Government."

Resolution.—Under the orders contained in Government Resolutions No. 9084, dated 22nd September 1906, and No. 6918, dated 9th July 1908, the amount of remuneration due to village officers for grazing fees is deducted before the fees are sent to the táluka head-quarters. If the grazing realisations are included in the gross revenue, the village officers will get double remuneration for the collection of grazing fees. Under the rules prescribed in Government Resolution No. 7203, dated 14th October 1902, irrigation revenue is to be added to the average of land revenue receipts in fixing the remuneration of the village officers for the collection of irrigation revenue. In the amendment of rule No. 13 proposed in paragraph 7 of Mr. Curtis's letter for the words, "but including judi and grazing realisations" the words "including judi and irrigation revenue, but excluding grazing realisations" should be substituted. Subject to this modification the proposals made by the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records in paragraph 7 of his letter, which are supported by the Commissioners of Divisions, are approved. He should be requested to submit the requisite correction slips to Appendices G and K to Chapter XIX of Volume III of the Survey and Settlement Manual.

H. B. CLAYTON,
Under Secretary to Government.

To

The Commissioner, N. D.,
The Commissioner, C. D.,
The Commissioner, S. D.,
All Collectors in the Presidency-proper,
The Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records,
The Accountant General,
The Financial Department of the Secretariat.
The Public Works Department of the Secretariat

No. 6535 of 1909. 23/6/09

Copy forwarded for information and guidance to the Dewan of RC Gavnur

[signature]
Head Clerk,
to the Collector of Dharwar.

Ind No 619.

Abtsn.

Below Shiggaon Excise Inspector's No. 84

30th June 1912.

Village Dharwar

COLLECTOR & MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE
6416
20 JUL 1912
Commution
DHARWAR DISTRICT.

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No. D/2456 of 1912.

Dharwar 18th July 1912.

Forwarded with compliments to the Collector --- and Political Agent Savanoor State, for perusal and favour of orders.

2. The conduct of the Police Patel of Hullikatti ----- appears to be suspicious.

3. The claim of Nissimaya for rent of trees is of a --- Civil nature and does not concern this Department.

4. As it is difficult to decide, under the circumstances as to who numbered the 125 trees, the Undersigned would -- suggest that remuneration should not be charged for them.

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Assistant Collector of Excise,
Belgaum Dharwar & Kanara A.G.

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ASSISTANT COLLECTOR OF EXCISE
Inward No. 2180
29 JUL 1912
DHARW. R. BELGAUM &C.

No 5684. 25/7/12

Returned with compliments.

2. The Collector agrees with the Assistant Collector. Necessary orders may be issued as proposed in paras 3 and 4 & the

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Correspondence returned for further action about the Patel's conduct.

E Maconochie
Collector and
Political Agent

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No. D/2614 of 1912.

Dharwar, 6th August 1912

Returned with compliments.

2. Necessary order in terms of para 3 and 4 have been separately issued.

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Assistant Colector of Excise,
Belgaum, Dharwar & Kanara A. G.

POLITICAL AG In. No. 265 Date 15/8/12 misc

VU No. 6211. 7/8/12

Forwarded with compliments to the Asstt Political Agent for favour of necessary action about the Patel's conduct. E Maconochie
Collector

Below No. 6211 dated 10.8.12 from the Political Agent Dharwar

No. 272.
15th August 1912.

Forwarded to the Diwan of Savanur for report with his opinion after full enquiry into the conduct of the Patel in question.

C C Shaw [illegible]
A P Agent.

Please return.

Many I call for [illegible] 18/8/12 [illegible]

The village officers are directed in writing to be present to make their statements.
20-8-12 [illegible]

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The village officers are directed to bring other witnesses also to make their statements
28-9-12 [illegible]

Again the village officers are directed to bring other 3 witnesses who were absent today.
9-10-12 [illegible]

Reminder to v. officers [illegible]
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Shown today [illegible]
24-12-13

OFFICE OF THE NAWAB OF SAVANUR STATE.
I. No. 827
30. DEC 1913
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No 891 of 1913

Forwarded with compliments to Meherban the Nawabsaheb for favour of perusal

2) The Patil is no longer in service & there is no evidence as to his guilt; No further action seems necessary in the matter.

Savanur } 29-12-13

Raghunath
Diwan

No

January 1914.

~~Forwarded with compliments to the Political agent for information.~~

Nawab.

Below Divan's No 891
dated 29-12-13.

No 22

Returned with Compliments to Mr Kalghatgi, Divan, for disposal.

Ghorkuri 15/1/14. — Abdul Majid Nawab

Is this vatan not in service? Is he a watandar? Is his turn comes next?
19/1/14
24/1/14

Is the Patel the officiating village Amani? 26/1/14

To keep this till the camp moves to Hullikatti & there to show 28/1/14

Sir, This Patel is not in service now nor is he a vatandar.

Sir, he is the Amani village; officiate[?] Kenchakatti (Ku...), 2 Yekkuli (both ...), 3 ... (P.P.) & ... Shetti Kulkarni.

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18/3/14 D. Divan

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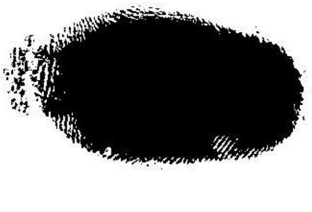

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